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ASSOCIATED HYPOCALCEMIA WITH
VITAMIN D COMPOUNDS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Examiner's Action (Paper No. 5) mailed 14 August 2001. A petition requesting a three-month extension is enclosed.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

- o Please cancel claim 2.
- o Please replace claim 1 of the application with the following rewritten claim:

AI

1 (Amended). A method for treating ICU-associated hypocalcemia in a mammal to restore or maintain ionized serum calcium in said mammal which comprises administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a vitamin D₂, vitamin D₂ derivative, vitamin D₃, or vitamin D₃ derivative.